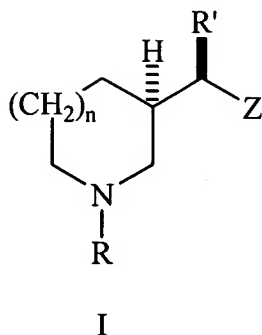


In the claims:

1. **(currently amended)** A compound of formula I:



wherein

n is 0, 1, ~~or 2~~;

R is H, ~~aralkyl, or CO₂R²~~;

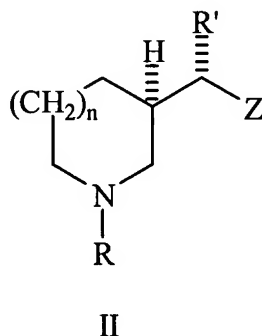
R' is ~~alkyl, aryl, or aralkyl~~;

Z is ~~NHR'' or OH~~; and

R'' is ~~H, alkyl, aryl, or aralkyl~~.

2. **(original)** The compound of claim 1, wherein n is 1.
3. **(original)** The compound of claim 1, wherein R is Cbz.
4. **(original)** The compound of claim 1, wherein R is -CH₂CH₂Ph.
5. **(original)** The compound of claim 1, wherein R is H.
6. **(original)** The compound of claim 1, wherein R' is methyl.
7. **(canceled)**
8. **(original)** The compound of claim 1, wherein Z is NHR''; and R'' is phenyl.
9. **(original)** The compound of claim 1, wherein n is 1; and R is Cbz.
10. **(original)** The compound of claim 1, wherein n is 1; and R' is Me.

11. **(canceled)**
12. **(canceled)**
13. **(original)** The compound of claim 1, wherein n is 1; R' is Me; Z is NHR''; and R'' is phenyl.
14. **(original)** The compound of claim 1, wherein n is 1; R' is Me; Z is NHR''; R'' is phenyl; and R is Cbz.
15. **(original)** The compound of claim 1, wherein n is 1; R is Cbz; and R' is methyl.
16. **(original)** The compound of claim 1, wherein n is 1; and R is -CH₂CH₂Ph.
17. **(original)** The compound of claim 1, wherein n is 1; R is -CH₂CH₂Ph; and R' is methyl.
18. **(canceled)**
19. **(original)** The compound of claim 1, wherein n is 1; R is -CH₂CH₂Ph; R' is methyl; Z is NHR''; and R'' is phenyl.
20. **(currently amended)** A compound of formula II:



wherein

n is 0, 1, ~~or 2~~;

R is H, ~~alkyl, or~~ CO₂R';

R' is ~~alkyl, aryl, or~~ aralkyl;

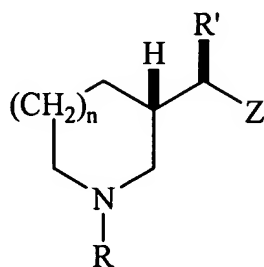
Z is NHR'' ~~or OH~~; and

R'' is H, ~~alkyl, aryl, or~~ aralkyl.

21. **(original)** The compound of claim 20, wherein n is 1.

22. **(original)** The compound of claim 20, wherein R is Cbz.
23. **(original)** The compound of claim 20, wherein R is -CH₂CH₂Ph.
24. **(original)** The compound of claim 20, wherein R is H.
25. **(original)** The compound of claim 20, wherein R' is methyl.
26. **(canceled)**
27. **(original)** The compound of claim 20, wherein Z is NHR''; and R'' is phenyl.
28. **(original)** The compound of claim 20, wherein n is 1; and R is Cbz.
29. **(original)** The compound of claim 20, wherein n is 1; and R' is Me.
30. **(canceled)**
31. **(canceled)**
32. **(original)** The compound of claim 20, wherein n is 1; R' is Me; Z is NHR''; and R'' is phenyl.
33. **(original)** The compound of claim 20, wherein n is 1; R' is Me; Z is NHR''; R'' is phenyl; and R is Cbz.
34. **(original)** The compound of claim 20, wherein n is 1; R is Cbz; and R' is methyl.
35. **(original)** The compound of claim 20, wherein n is 1; and R is -CH₂CH₂Ph.
36. **(original)** The compound of claim 20, wherein n is 1; R is -CH₂CH₂Ph; and R' is methyl.
37. **(canceled)**
38. **(original)** The compound of claim 20, wherein n is 1; R is -CH₂CH₂Ph; R' is methyl; Z is NHR''; and R'' is phenyl.

39. **(currently amended)** A compound of formula III:

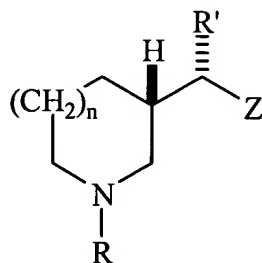


III

wherein

- n is 0, 1, ~~or~~ 2;
- R is H, ~~aralkyl, or~~ CO₂R';
- R' is ~~alkyl, aryl, or aralkyl~~;
- Z is NHR'' ~~or~~ OH; and
- R'' is H, ~~alkyl, aryl, or aralkyl~~.
40. **(original)** The compound of claim 39, wherein n is 1.
41. **(original)** The compound of claim 39, wherein R is Cbz.
42. **(original)** The compound of claim 39, wherein R is -CH₂CH₂Ph.
43. **(original)** The compound of claim 39, wherein R is H.
44. **(original)** The compound of claim 39, wherein R' is methyl.
45. **(canceled)**
46. **(original)** The compound of claim 39, wherein Z is NHR''; and R'' is phenyl.
47. **(original)** The compound of claim 39, wherein n is 1; and R is Cbz.
48. **(original)** The compound of claim 39, wherein n is 1; and R' is Me.
49. **(canceled)**
50. **(canceled)**

51. **(original)** The compound of claim 39, wherein n is 1; R' is Me; Z is NHR''; and R'' is phenyl.
52. **(original)** The compound of claim 39, wherein n is 1; R' is Me; Z is NHR''; R'' is phenyl; and R is Cbz.
53. **(original)** The compound of claim 39, wherein n is 1; R is Cbz; and R' is methyl.
54. **(original)** The compound of claim 39, wherein n is 1; and R is -CH₂CH₂Ph.
55. **(original)** The compound of claim 39, wherein n is 1; R is -CH₂CH₂Ph; and R' is methyl.
56. **(canceled)**
57. **(original)** The compound of claim 39, wherein n is 1; R is -CH₂CH₂Ph; R' is methyl; Z is NHR''; and R'' is phenyl.
58. **(currently amended)** A compound of formula IV:



wherein

- n is 0, 1, or 2;
- R is H, alkyl, or CO₂R';
- R' is alkyl, aryl, or aralkyl;
- Z is NHR'' or OH; and
- R'' is H, alkyl, aryl, or aralkyl.
59. **(original)** The compound of claim 58, wherein n is 1.
 60. **(original)** The compound of claim 58, wherein R is Cbz.

61. **(original)** The compound of claim 58, wherein R is $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Ph}$.
62. **(original)** The compound of claim 58, wherein R is H.
63. **(original)** The compound of claim 58, wherein R' is methyl.
64. **(canceled)**
65. **(original)** The compound of claim 58, wherein Z is NHR'' ; and R'' is phenyl.
66. **(original)** The compound of claim 58, wherein n is 1; and R is Cbz.
67. **(original)** The compound of claim 58, wherein n is 1; and R' is Me.
68. **(canceled)**
69. **(canceled)**
70. **(original)** The compound of claim 58, wherein n is 1; R' is Me; Z is NHR'' ; and R'' is phenyl.
71. **(original)** The compound of claim 58, wherein n is 1; R' is Me; Z is NHR'' ; R'' is phenyl; and R is Cbz.
72. **(original)** The compound of claim 58, wherein n is 1; R is Cbz; and R' is methyl.
73. **(original)** The compound of claim 58, wherein n is 1; and R is $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Ph}$.
74. **(original)** The compound of claim 58, wherein n is 1; R is $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Ph}$; and R' is methyl.
75. **(canceled)**
76. **(original)** The compound of claim 58, wherein n is 1; R is $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{Ph}$; R' is methyl; Z is NHR'' ; and R'' is phenyl.

Claims 77-104 **(canceled)**